

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ)

Program Description:

San Antonio is home to Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 80, with the current designation of ten FTZ sites. Businesses can locate at existing sites, or apply for designation as a new General Purpose or Subzone. A General Purpose is established for multiple users and multiple functions; however, a Subzone is a limited purpose site that cannot be accommodated within an existing site.

Some of the advantages of operating in an FTZ include: (1) duty reduction and elimination (tariffs on foreign goods coming into the U.S.; (2) duty deferral (until merchandise is imported from the FTZ into the United States); (3) and direct delivery (improves efficiency in the supply chain). FTZ's offer businesses a way to mitigate the costs associated with trade and allow the United States economy to enjoy relatively greater benefits from its free trade initiatives. Furthermore, an FTZ status allows a business to import/export foreign goods or materials, place their goods in the zone, without formal U.S. Customs entry and excludes paying formal duties, or government excise taxes, until the product enters the United States market. At this point, duty is paid on either the final product, or its component parts, whichever is lower. This allows a business to significantly cut business costs and improve returnon-investment and cash flow.

Merchandise admitted into the FTZ can be:

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Exhibited

Assembled

Repaired

*Manufactured

Sampled

Salvaged

Relabeled

Mixed

Repackaged

Processed

Tested

Manipulated

Destroyed

Program Eligibility Criteria:

To receive FTZ benefits, a company must locate within any of the City's existing 10 General Purpose FTZ sites. If our General Purpose sites do not suit your company's needs, the Economic Development Department will help you obtain FTZ sub-zone designation (See Foreign Trade Zone Map).

How to Apply:

For additional information or to apply, please contact Rogelio Garcia, Director, Business Development & Chief of Staff, Free Trade Alliance San Antonio at (210) 229-9036, ext. 23, or visit: http://www.freetradealliance.org/commondetail.asp?id=1485.

^{*}Special Authorization Required

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ) MAP

